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SUBJECT: AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE

REF: GENEVA 1468

1. THE DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT AT A JANUARY 1974 DIRECTORS' MEETING ANSI TENTATIVELY DECIDED UPON A 1974 BUDGET WHICH WOULD HAVE RESULTED IN MOVING THE BASE FOR ANSI INFORMATION GATHERING OPERATIONS ON EUROPEAN STANDARDS FROM GENEVA TO NEW YORK. THE MOVE HAS BEEN DELAYED PENDING AN EFFORT BY MR. FRANCIS LAQUE, COMMERCE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PRODUCT STANDARDS AND FORMER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION (ISO) PRESIDENT, TO SEE WHETHER USG SUPPORT COULD BE FOUND WHICH WOULD RESULT IN ANSI'S CONTINUING TO MAINTAIN AN OFFICE IN EUROPE.

2. IN FEBRUARY HOHN PRESENTED TO MR. LAQUE A PROPOSAL THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HELP FUND ANSI'S EUROPEAN STANDARDS GATHERING ACTIVITIES SO THAT THE INFORMATION GATHERING ACTIVITIES IN EUROPE WOULD BE CONTINUED, WITH ADDITIONAL PROVISION FOR FOLLOW-UP SERVICES IN THE UNITED STATES. THE GENEVA ANSI OFFICE WOULD REGULARLY PROVIDE THE
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U.S. MISSION IN GENEVA WITH INFORMATION ON EUROPEAN

STANDARDS ACTIVITIES WHICH THE ANSI REPRESENTATIVE THERE
WOULD BE ESPECIALLY WELL PLACED TO OBTAIN AND PROVIDE.
MR. LAQUE NOTES THAT JAPANESE AND SOUTH AFRICAN STANDARDS
ORGANIZATIONS MAINTAIN PERMANENT OFFICES IN GENEVA. HE HAS

MADE HOHN'S PROPOSAL AVAILABLE TO OTHER OFFICES OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR
COMMENT.

3. THE MISSION'S COMMENTS ON THIS PROPOSAL, A COPY OF
WHICH IS BEING POUCHED TO GENEVA, WOULD BE GREATLY
APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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